

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Eaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emma Eaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHARON
WILLIAMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable Sharon Williams, the long-time director of Menlo Park-based JobTrain. Sharon is retiring after forty years of instilling optimism in each JobTrain client and building life skills amongst an entire community. I have watched with amazement over these many years as Sharon has guided the JobTrain organization.

Sharon earned her BA in English from the University of the Pacific in 1965 and her teaching credential from San Francisco State University in 1968. She joined JobTrain in 1973 as a GED teacher. She became Director of Development in 1978 and a short time later took over as Executive Director. Conducting job training classes and connecting people with jobs was very difficult in the late 1970s. Sharon guided JobTrain and its clients through difficult financial times and built a stunningly successful career and job education center.

With Sharon's outstanding leadership, JobTrain has offered cutting-edge and traditional job training, everything from solar panel installation classes to computer repair to culinary arts to laboratory technician training for biotechnology facilities. Knowing that life skills are a large component of the training done by JobTrain, Sharon and her staff insist that clients learn how to show up on time to work, become team members in the modern work environment, and learn how to balance work and the demands of a family.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon Williams has infused JobTrain with the same "can do" attitude that she insists from her clients. I've visited JobTrain on several occasions, most recently in the last few months. It's a very busy place. JobTrain helps 8,000 persons per year, and 600 of them receive full-time vocational training. At least 85% of those who enroll complete their training. 75% of those persons are placed in jobs, and 12 months after placement, 84% are still working. JobTrain's success is spelled out in these numbers.

Sharon's contributions to the Peninsula are not limited to JobTrain. She currently serves on numerous boards, including the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits, and East Palo Alto Digital Village. She has also previously served on the boards of the East Palo Alto Senior Center, the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, Leadership Mid-Peninsula, and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board.

After forty years at the helm of JobTrain, it is time for Sharon Williams to bid her beloved

nonprofit goodbye and to head off in new directions. The only thing missing from JobTrain's smorgasbord of classes at the moment is a class on how to make eyeglasses. That's not surprising. Sharon sees quite clearly the need for human dignity through productive work. Why would she believe that anyone else in the community needs glasses when her own sight is both perfect and prescient? Let us give Sharon the highest compliment that any employer can offer an employee. Let us say, "Job well done."

RECOGNIZING RONALD M. YOUNG
ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S.
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S
ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Ronald M. Young on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. Ron is the Co-founder and Secretary/Treasurer of Security Title, Inc.

Ron owns Security Title Inc. along with his wife Kim Anderson Young. Together they started the company in 1999. Security Title Inc. provided professional title and escrow services of the highest quality to Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Security Title Inc. is the general agent for Stewart Title Insurance Company, one of the world's largest title insurance underwriters. Because of Security Title Inc.'s expert regional knowledge it has developed into the dominant title company in the Mariana Islands as it provides services that are crucial to any real estate transaction.

Ron was raised in northern California by his parents, George and Winnie. His father owned his own dental lab, which taught Ron at an early age the value of owning his own business. Ron earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from San Jose State University. He later earned a master of arts from Goddard College in sociology and education. Ron and his wife have five children together: Ryan, Jason, Carter, Lars, and Erika.

Ron is also an active member of our island community. He serves as the current liaison between the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which are two of Guam's largest business organizations. He is an ongoing supporter of many non-profits and organizations such as the Guam Association of Realtors, International Council of Shopping Centers, American Management Association, NAIOP, Guam Economic Development Authority, Guam Tourist Attraction Fund, and the Guam Beautification Task Force.

I congratulate Ronald Young on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CHAD
FORD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chad Ford of Boy Scout Troop 188 of Ankeny, Iowa for achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Chad assisted in refurbishing Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Park in Polk County by removing a large section of unwanted fencing. The work ethic Chad has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Chad and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

COMMENDING CAMPOLINDO HIGH
SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON
CLUB UPON WINNING THE 2013
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ACADEMIC
DECATHLON

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Campolindo High School's Academic Decathlon Club for its recent success in the Contra Costa County Academic Decathlon, at which Campolindo's two teams won first and second place.

The Campolindo High School Academic Decathlon Club provides students the chance to go above and beyond academically. Through fun competition, the Academic Decathlon Club members foster enthusiasm for education not only in themselves, but also in their peers.

Participation in the academic decathlon has promoted and developed a range of skills, including team work, discipline, creativity and critical thinking. The Decathlon Club is training California's future leaders by helping ensure that our students will be qualified to join the workforce and grow our economy. It's clear that Campolindo High does an outstanding job of preparing these future leaders for a lifetime of success.

I would like to submit for the record a recent article in the Contra Costa Times recognizing Campolindo's impressive achievement.